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# PLAYGROUNDS FOR CHILDREN ADVOCATED

David Nicholson, Distributer.

el bond-issue bill, now pending in the Municipal Assembly, calling for an appropriation of \$800.00 for this purpose. The resolution declared against the unit vote. Commin cations were read advocating the measure and promising hearty support. Various committees were appointed, and the representatives were instructed to enlighten the bodies which they represented in regard to the character of the movement.

movement.

It is the purpose to ask each athletic and labor organization in the city to pass smilar resonations to those adopted last night. There is to be an organized attempt made to emist the co-speciation of all men of the congested districts of the

#### CHAIRMAN EVANS PERFECTS DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION.

Active Young Democrate Through-out State-Complete Poll of

REPUBLIC SPECIAL REPUBLIC SPECIAL

West Plains, Mo., Dec. 12.—W. N. Evans, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, is the busiest man in the whole track region. He is superintending the maning of thousands of letters to active young Democrats in every school district of the State and the temporary headquarters of the committee here is the scene of much activity.

Peculiar Conditions Relating to Securities, Which May Decide Matters of Managment-important Complications.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 12.—Holders of the numerous issues of bonds, notes and stocks of the C., H. & D., which are now is the hands of a receiver, to-day thronged banking and brosserage houses in mer, asing numbers, making anxious inquiries regarding the fature prospects of their securities. It is admitted that at least \$10,000 of the road's securities are outstanding in the hands of investors. The latter could receive no enlightenment whatever regarding the plans of J. P. Morgan & Co. in placing the property in a receivership.

Morgan & Co, in piscing the property in a receivership an receivership Efforts were made to-day to reasure the bond and note holders, by poi ting out that, if a default occurs on Ja may L the security holds a will pactically come into possession of the property. This is one of the remark his phace of the Chelenatt, Hamisten and Dayton complession.

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The 28.220600 refunding 4-per-cent Cin-cinrati, Hamiston and Dayton mortgale, besides being a general lier on the rati-way system, has collateral \$11.00000 com-mon stock of the Pere Marquit e. Should a default occur on the bonds on January 1, it was stated to-day that steps would be taken to reduce this collate al to pos-recision. It would then be used by the bondholders Protective Committe to take over the executive management of the property.

over the executive management of the property.

An connection with these bonds at ps learned that in reality there are \$11.24,000 now outstanding. An issue of C. H. & D. underlying bonds amounting to \$2.50,000 matured on October I. A sale was made of about \$2.500 co of the refunding fours to provide money to take up the underlying issue. These bonds were said since the Morgan interests acquired control of the C. H. & D.

On the other hand, should a default occur in the \$15.000,000 collateral trust notes, the prospective committee would have in its possession the preferred stock of the C. H. & D. which would resume its voting power, giving the noteholders control of the road.

Should the notes default a group of

of the road.

Should the notes default a group of financers is ready to pay par and interest for the notes as show as the collateral has been reduced to possession. It is thus seen that a default would take the control from the interests now owning the roads.

#### HARRIMAN THREATENED TO HAMPER RYAN'S PROJECTS

Continued From Page One.

600 to the Republican national campaign fund in 1801, 1800 and 1804. It also paid \$5,000 to Andrew Hamilton, formerly the New York Life Insurance Company's legis-lative agent at Albany. RYAN'S TESTIMONY.

"Immediately after my purchase of the stock," said Mr. Ryan, in his testimony.
"Mr. Harriman called on me. We had several conversations. Mr. Harriman said that I should not have come into the situation without consulting him, and that I ought to let him have an equal share in the Hyde stock. I declined. He objected to the trustees and wanted to name two of them. It said he did not think I could carry out my plan. I said I intended to divest myself of control of the Equitable, and I regretted very much to have his opposition, but I was going to carry out my plan whether I had his opposition or not."

The purchase of the Hyde stock Mr.

young Democrats in every school district of the State committee here is the scene of much activity.

"I mean for Democrats to get busy," is the way Judge Evans put it. "I have called a meeting of the State Central Committee for December 27, at Jefferson City to discuss the matter of organizing and to decide what kind of literature is best to send out to the voters.

"There will be some vacancies on the committee to fill, among them Virgil Conking, who has removed from the Scond District. I shall lay before the committee the pan of work that has been mapped out by the subcommittee in order that recommendations and suggestions may be made for furthering the organization throughout the State.

"The State committeemen will be expected to get in better touch with the country chairman in turn, is to become more cissely associated with the school district chairman and make it a where within a wheel. The committee will also discuss the question of further meetings."

Juige Evans wunt on to explain that another session of the committee has met in Yebruary, but this being an off year the time may be a little later. At the meeting next were the sending out to Democratite leaders in school district would be against me. He said this destrict. When the polt is complete, the list will include more than xeles names of fural voters, and will be the most complete poli of the State ever made.

The Core Ecsema and Pimples Societies Affiliated With Amateur Athletic Association in dorse Fond Issue Bill Providing for This Appropriation.

Now York Iber 12 - Arrived Steamer Kalsewith the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States was held at the Missour Martin Berlin, Iber 11 - Arrived Steamer Columbia New York Iber 12 - Arrived Steamer Athletic Union of the United States was held at the Missour of the United States was held to the Archivet States was held the Missour of the United States was held to the Archivet States was held the William II I Iwa was the William II I Iwa was the William II Iwa

Hairman did not say anything to indicate what action the Legislature would take. No other person made any such threats. As Mr. Ryan left the stand Senator WOULD OPPOSE RYAN. Armstrong said to him that the commit-tee approximed his coming to testify, and recognized the motives of his unwilling-

ness to reveal the actions of another man.
"But we are here on serious and important business" said Mr. Armstrong.
United States Senator John F. Dryden of New Jersey, president of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, was next acted. Senator Dryden said he has been president of the Prodential for twenty-four years. He first became connected with insurance in 1885. The Prodential's capital stack is now Prodent Witness said it was organized as a stock company pure and simple and its surplus regarded as belonging to the company. stributions aggregating 136.00 were

made to the Republican National Commit-tee in 1894 and 1998 and 1994, by the Prudential, according to a statement read by Counsel Hughes. The statement was read by Mr Hughes during the examination of Senator Dryden.
Senator Dryden testified that in 1839
the Prodential expended \$15.86 for legislative expenses. Of this sum, \$5.86 was
paid to Andrew Hamilton, who previously had been mentioned during the invesrigation in connection with the legal expenses of the New York Life Incurance
Company Mr Dryden said in asswer to
a question that no money was paid by
the Prudential to Andrew C. Fields, the
Mutual Life Insurance Company's agent. Mutual Life Insurance Company's agent.

# CONTROL PROBLEM CLEARS MERIWETHER CLUB ASKS FOLK

Verdict of Court-Martial Acquits Middy of Manslaughter and Convicts of Minor Infractions.

LIGHT SENTENCE IS GIVEN.

Confinement Within Limitations of Naval Academy and Public Reprimand by Secretary of the Navy Is Prescribed.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Midshiman Mingr Meriwether Jr., who was tried by const-martial for causing the death of Midshipman Eranch, has been sentenced to confinement to the limits of the Navai Academy for a period of one year, and to be publicly reprimanded by the Secretary of the Navy.

Secretary Ronaparte has ordered that the sentence be carried out, but that so much of the penalty as would debar the accused from serving on any practice ship attached to the academy be remitted.

The full text of the findings will be made public later.

Representative Broussard of Louisians, who had a conference with the Secretary this morning regarding the case after reading the findings, announced that he was entirely satisfied with them.

Midshipman Meriwether was acquitted of the charge of manslaughter and found guilty of the other two charges, namely, violation of the third clause of the eighth article for the government of the navy, which prohibits midshipmen from cagaging in fisticuffs, and confuct to the prejudice of good order and discipline.

#### MERIWETHER DOESN'T THINK HIS SENTENCE IS UNJUST.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 12.—Mid h pman Minor Meriwether, speaking of the verdict said:

"I am more than happy that the courtmar ial has declared I am not guilty of causing the death of M ds-pm n B anch. I do not feel that my sentence is unjust and I intend to spend my time in h.ru work, so that I may make a reori in t.e. navy which will can e peope to forget my part in this said affair."

The news that Meriwether had been sentenced to one year's confinement within the limits of the Nava Academy and to be publicly reprimand d by the S cr. tary of the Navy was received with general approval here.

While many wished Meriwether to be entirely cleared, it was gener lly re ogalized that some punishment was necessary.

The confinement will begin at once.

Via Illinois Central to Chicago, New Or-leans, Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga, Atlanta and all points south and souta-

#### **WORKS OF DUTCH-AMERICAN** ARTIST ON EXHIBITION.

Paintings by Charles Paul Grappe to Fine Arts.

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Paintings by Charles Paul Gruppe, a Dutch-American painter, are now on exhibition at the St. Louis Museum of Fine is art. Nineteenth and Locust streets, and will remain until the first of the year. The collection contiets of forty paintings, oils and water colors. The artist deals with Holland principally.

Mr. Gruppe is a native of Canada. His art education began in America, but later he studied at the Hague, Holland. His work shows the influence of the Dutch school. The artist uses a large brush.

His water colors are treated in the same heavy manner, giving the effect of cil or pastel.

The collection contains a few American subjects, but they show the unquestionable influence of the Dutch school. The color scheme of most of the paintings is gray, even the bright, clear sky has a gray tone when partrayed by Gruppe.

Mr. Gruppe received a silver medal at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. His pictures were hung in the United States Art section. The picture which attracted the most attention, and for which he received the medal, was "The Woodcutter." The subject was a sparsely-grown forest, a woodcutter in a blue blouse, having felled a tric, is fuscining a chain about it, while two sturdy horses stand ready to draw it away. In character, this picture strongly suggested the Dutch school.

Colds Cause Sore Threat Lazative Bromo Quinine, the wild wide Cold and tirip remody, removes the cause. Oil for the full name and look for algunture of E. W. Grove. 25c.

#### HIS CONFIDENCE SHATTERED. Indiana Man Thought His Guns Safe in Midway.

George Sell of Columbia City, Ind., may have to postpone a hunting trip which he contemplated making in the Southwest his week, and incidentally he has lost all confidence in the honesty of St. Louis. Sell arrived at Union Station from Indiana last night. He was to have taken a southbound train a few hours later. He was hungry, so he crossed over to Market like to carry a \$5 shotgun and a \$5 rifle into the restaurant, so he left them standing against the station wall in the Mid-ing against the station wall in the Miding against the station wall in the Mid-

way.
Greatly to his amazement and conster-nation, Seil, upon his return, found that the guns had vanished.

To Cure a Cald in One Bay.
Take Lanative Bruns Quanta Tablets.
Druggists retund money if it fails to cure.
M. Grove's signature on each box. Sc.

### ED WATSON BUYS TRIBUNE. St. Louis Newspaper Man to Con-

duct Daily at Columbia. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 12.—The Columbia Daily Tribune has been sold by the estate of the late Elmest L. Mitchell to 52 Watson of St. Louis, who will continue the publication, assuming charge to-day.

Mr. Warson is the son of Doctor R. A. Watson of Columbia. He has been of the staff of various St. Louis newspapers and has had wide experience in journalism.

Blase Causes \$100 Damage.

A still alarm was turned in yesterday for a fire in the second-story of a brick building at No. 27th Papin street, occupied by James Pobtinch and George Mathia. The bluze caused a damage of \$100 to the building. The furniture was not damaged.

#### MUTUAL COMMITTEE PICKS PEABODY FOR PRESIDENT.

New York, Dec. 12—After several days' discussion of the names of eligible candidates for the office of permanent president of the Mutual Life, the Committee on Nominations, appointed by the trustees will to-morrow present the name of Charles A. Penbody, with the assurance that his election will be made unanimous. It was said to-day that not only would Mr. Peabody be named as the successor to Richard A. McCurrly, but no other name has ever been seriously considered since the first amnouncement of the irrustees' plans.

## JAPAN TO EVACUATE LIAO-TANG ON DATE SET FOR RUSSIAN WITHDRAWAL

London, Dec. 12.-The Shanghal correspondent of the Morning Post asserts that it has been decided by the Japanese and Chinese Commissioners, who are conducting negotiations at Pekin, that Japan is to evacuate the Liso-Tang Peninsula on the same date that Russin would have had to evacuate it. It also has been decided, according to the correspondent, that the railroad from Changehu to Kirin will be transferred to China, after a limited period.

Good Government Organization Sends Letter to the Governor Regarding His Attitude Toward Butlers' Organization.

In an open letter which the Twenty-fifth Ward Good Government Club addressed to Governor Polk, that organization asks the Governor to effectually set at rest the rumors that he in disposed to compromise with the Butler following in the ward and city.

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The primary purpose of the establishment of the ciub is to make a fight against the control of the ward's Democratic organization by men friendly to the St. Louis Democratic Club, which is mid to passess limiter tendencies.

In the Twenty-fifth Ward Club are strong supporters of Governor Folk, both in his preconvention campaign and in the campaign which followed his nomination. City Collector James Hagerman and his friends are included in the membership. The policy of the club is to openly and viscorously combat. Butler domination in Democratic politics.

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In this fight, which is getting warm and is the first definite line-up in the way of struggle for control of next year's primaries and conventions, the Twenty-lifth Ward Club has been met with the repeated reports that Governor Folk has given assurance that be and his friends would make no discrimination between the ituler influence and the controlling organization in St. Louis Democracy.

The Twenty-fifth is the Governor's home ward, as well as Mayor Wells's, and the men who compose the Good Government Club are among the Governor's closest friends. They feel that this is the time and place to make the opening fight, and the open letter is addressed to the Governor, asking him to dispose of the stories which are said to be in circulation by men in sympathy with the St. Louis Democratic Club.

Conton Boogher, president of the club,

Ciub.
Ciubon Bocgher, president of the club, said last night: "The members of the club do not believe that the Governor has compromised in any way with the Butlers, It's public record and addresses clearly indicate that he is opposed to Butler domination of city affairs, so repeatedly have ramors been circulated at variance with this telief, and it has so weakened the effectiveness of our work, that we have asked the Governor for a direct statement of the facts in the case.

THE LETTER.

The letter in tull follows, it was mailed to tiovernor Folk at Jefferson City hast night:

night:
St. Louis, Dec. 12, 1895.—Honorable Joseph W.
Folk Executive Manuson, Jestermon, City. Mo.:
Dear Str.—There has been formed in the
Twenty-fifth Ward a club known as the Good
Government Democratic Club of the Twentyfifth Ward. Its membership is composed of
the most influential lens cratic citizens in the
ward, who are the men who loyally subparted
you as the Democratic caudidate for Governor.
You will recall that this is your own home
ward, as well as the ward in which our Mayor
at present real-fer.

and all statements or Faint's by the system of the system of your friends in each in any way to conciliate, cap promise or enter in o any political aritimes with the But of Friends in the But of Friends in the But of Friends in the St. Louis until next week. Mr. From your own experience in politica you can easily detect the adrest working in the forces of Butteriam but by such a public statement notice will be given to all of your friends in the force of Butteriam but by such a public statement notice will be given to all of your friends in much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Mrs. Eline is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much distracted over her husband's death and her nicce, Miss Jennie is much dist

New Sleeping Car Service.

Pennsylvania Short Lines, Commencing December 10 the Pennsylvania will run daily, leaving St. Louis at 5:15 p. m., a sleeper to Dayton, O. Full night's rest. Dinner in dining car. Also on train leaving at 8:15 p. m. buffet sleeping car to P.qua. Urbana and Columbus, O. Call at Seventh and Olive streets.

#### FIANCEES FROM CONTINENT'S **ENCS WED IN ST. LOUIS.**

City Chasen by Widely Separated Lavers for the Place of Final Tryst. St. Louis was the half-way rendervous yesterday afternoon for betrothed lovers separated by almost the length of the continent. Coming from Allegheny, Pa., H. R. Curtise met and was married to Miss M. E. Fitch, who came to St. Louis from San Francisco, for the ceremony. The couple were married yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of the Reverend Doctor J. W. Cunningham, of No. 1414 Locust street, the bride's father, George H. Fitch, an editorial writter on the San Francisco Chronicle, who had accompanied her to St. Louis, giving her away. Mr. Curtise is an instructor in the West-

Mr. Curtise is an instructor in the Western University at Alleghony. He met Miss Fitch, who is a society belie of San Francisco, three years ago, when he was a resident of the Pacific Coast city. They have been betrothed for some time and were to have been married about Christmas tire. Mr. Curtise was unable to be absent from his classroom for more than a few days, however, and he telegraphed the circumstances to his finace, asking her to meet him in St. Louis for the marriage.

Mr. Curtise reached St. Louis Monday night. His fiances and her father arrived yesterday morning. The couple departed for Allegheny, where they will reside.

Just what to give? It is to be a worthy gift, a Watch, time's gentle reminder, or a Diamond, a daily well-spring of pleasure and delight to the wearer. Diamonds and Watches on Credit. Ten dollars takes the pace of \$60 for the Yuletide pleasure gift. Call to-day. Open every evening through December until 10 p. m. Loft's Bros. & Co., 2d floor Carleton bidg., \$th and Olive sts.

The Christmas Questi

#### MILWAUKEE LINE'S ST. LOUIS ROUTE

Plane of Milwankee Southern Art Assessed-Reed From Milwashee to Chicago and East St. Looks. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

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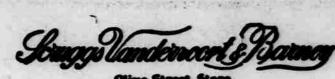
Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 12—The Milwaukee Southern Railway, which proposes to build a line from Milwaukee to East St.

Louis, and which at one time was supposed to be the Gould route into Milwaukee to connect with its lake lines, to-day announced has route and the connections with the Illinois. Iowa and Minnesota Railway, which is already under construction.

land in two narts of the city for a double terminal.

The map of the company's route shows that it includes an air line to East St. Louis, and a best line around Chicago it m M issuakes to Michigan City, Ind. interesting every road leading out of Chicago, and particularly those leading to St. Louis.

The Milwaukes Southern is to meet the Illinois, Iown and Minnesota at Dukalb, Ill., and that road extends from Rockford, Ill., to Michigan City. At Momente. Ill. the line starts southward and nearly parallel the route of the Princo from that point to a point twenty miles northwast of St. Louis. From Rockford the line will reach toward St. Paul and Minnespelle.



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Lambert J. McGroty. No. 1845 Madison street, reported to the police yesterlay the ces of an overcoat valued at 25. The

at result at a American an Locus streets. When he had finished esting his coet had disapreared from the hook when he had hung it.

Officer Arresto Ramana Cast.

Three boys broke into a vacant house at No. 1712 Locust street yesterday afternoor and carried away several stove gratings which they trundled away on a bananicart. Patrolman Munsil of the Central District apprehended the cart later any wheeled it to the station, where it is held for identification. The boys and the gratings are still at large.

# Cuts Prices of . CHRISTMAS

Please Read Our Explanation.

Many people purchase pianos for Christmas delivery, for at no time of the year is a piano and music in the home appreciated so much as during the holi-

Many more people would buy pianos at this season if they were assured that the prices were really reduced and the terms easy, for many are impressed with the idea that everything is high during the holiday rush of Christmas shopping.

Our Reduced-Price Plan.

Our plan is to reduce the price on every piano in the house to such a low point that it will positively insure the sale of twice as many pianos as we usually sell at this season. We are overstocked on many styles of many makes and we are not going to carry them over into another year. We know you will appreciate this plan if a piano is at all needed in the home. We know, also, that this will enable many people to have a piano and music in the home that otherwise would be silent so far as music is concerned.

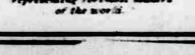
Terms So Easy All Can Buy.

No matter where you live or what your station in life is, you can come here and get your piano at a price that will please you and on terms so easy that you can meet them without the least inconvenience, for our store is the "People's Store." the ONE place in St. Louis where a "discount counts" and where all pianos are marked in plain figures according to cost, and not on the sliding scale or "what-we-canget" plan in vogue elsewhere.

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venience.

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